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By Federal Express

Mr. Jerry Bliss, Registered Agent A-1 Oil Corporation 149 Strecker Road Ballwin, MO 63011 REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

C-14J RRG/Clayton Chemical Site

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RE:

RRG/Clayton Chemical Superfund Site (soils) [1 Mobile Avenue, Sauget, IL, St. Clair

County] Potential Noncooperating Large PRP Group

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) is in receipt of the RRG/Clayton Chemical Co. PRP Group (soils removal) notification of you as a party identified in the initial US EPA General Notice letter of November 22, 2004. The PRP group that is going forward with a soils removal under a US EPA CERCLA Administrative Settlement AOC (AS AOC) has notified us that you are not willing to aid in the clean up.

Please be aware that US EPA has committed to working with the PRP group, upon receipt of signature pages and issuance of the abovementioned AS AOC, to issue Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) 106 unilateral administrative orders for participation and coordination in hazardous soils clean up activities at the abovementioned site to all viable and liable noncooperating parties that meet the requirements of the specific CERCLA statute.

US EPA contemplates a settlement and issuance of the AS AOC by or before approximately September 30, 2005.

Please contact me with any questions or comments by e-mail (<u>Turner.Thomas@epa.gov</u>) or at 312/886-6613.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Turner
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US EPA, ORC, Region 5

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